

REMARKS

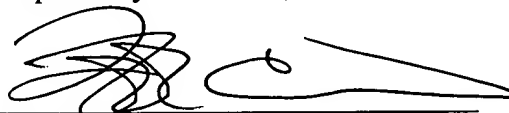
Claims 1 and 3 to 9 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 6 and 9 are independent. Claims 10 and 11 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Entry hereof and continued examination of this application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Supplemental Information Disclosure dated August 11, 2004. Consideration and acknowledgment of the cited references are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and no other matters being raised in the Office Action, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Cire', is written over a horizontal line.

Frank Cire
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No.: 42,419

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-2200
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200